

1 _____ BILL NO. _____

2 INTRODUCED BY _____
3 (Primary Sponsor)

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING THAT COMMON LAW MARRIAGES ARE NOT
5 RECOGNIZED IN MONTANA; AMENDING SECTION 40-1-403, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE
6 EFFECTIVE DATE."

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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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10 **Section 1.** Section 40-1-403, MCA, is amended to read:

11 **"40-1-403. Validity of declarations of marriage -- common-law marriage not recognized.**

12 Common-law marriages are not ~~invalidated by this chapter~~ recognized in Montana. Declarations of marriage
13 pursuant to 40-1-311 through 40-1-313, 40-1-323, and 40-1-324 are not invalidated by this chapter."

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15 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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